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Calendar

- Dec. 17 — Christmas Program, 8:00.
 Dec. 18 — Jr. Prom, 8:30-11:30.
 Dec. 21 — Christmas Vacation begins.
 Jan. 4 — Classes Begin.
 Jan. 5 — J.V. and Varsity Basketball vs. Mt. Diablo, here, 3:45.
 Jan. 7 — Student Council.
 Jan. 8 — Frosh Basketball, 3:30.
 J.V. and Varsity Basketball vs. Del Valle, 6:45. Wrestling vs. Miramonte here 3:30.

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Newly elected GAA officers are President: Anne Jeffrey; Vice President: Heather Anderson; Secretary-Treasurer: Mary Newmark; Class Representatives: Senior, Ellen McDonald; Junior, Norene Jucksch; Sophomores, Nancy Liles and Leslie Peterson; Freshmen, Meris Emory, Linda Holmes, Lorrie Newmark, and Sandy Osborne.

At one of the recent meetings of the Medical Club new officers were elected. They are President: Laura DeMeter; Vice President: Bill Haycock; Secretary: Norene Jucksch; Treasurer: Linda Conti. The club's advisor is the school nurse, Miss DuPuis.

RALLY ELECTS NEW MEMBERS

Recently, new rally members for the basketball season were chosen. They are seniors—Chris Cammisa, Cindy Copp, Ed Davis, Linda Davis, Trey Fisher, Ernie Ford, Colleen Freitas, Becky Hart, Mark Janlois, Patty McFadden, Sue McMeans, Marilyn Masters, Phil Perrelli, Don Querio, Kathy Quinn, Paul Sanders, Pam Stensgaard, Lin Stripling, Dave Toll and Woody Underhill. Juniors are Jean Beyer, Dan Boyle, Barry Callister, Janice Christiansen, Susan Cox, Steve Daniels, Rob Dishroon, Tom Fitzsimmons, Charlotte Hoffman, Bugh Hustead, Dan Jones, Kathy Okerstrom, Sandy Sherman, Sue Steinbach, Judy Stensgaard and Janie Stone. Committee chairmen have also been chosen. They are Materials — Patty McFadden; Refreshments—Tom Fitzsimmons; Decorations — Sue McMeans; Tickets — Chris Cammisa; and Posters — Janie Stone.

Acalanes Statesmen Plan Year's Activities

With interests ranging from local election issues to international relations, members of Acalanes Statesmen meet several times a month to express their views and compare them to those positions held by other students. In respect to international affairs, Acalanes Statesmen will represent Finland at the annual Model United Nations held each year at Cal's Student Union. Each February, delegations from scores of high schools represent different countries at this meeting to discuss pressing world problems in a style patterned after that of the real United Nations in New York.

The present elected officers include John Quincy, president; Doug Anderson, vice president and parliamentarian; Anne Jeffrey, chairman of the Model United Nations delegation; and Renee Malloy, secretary and treasurer.



The annual Acalanes Candy Sale was a great success this year. A total of \$7,000 worth of candy was sold, of which the Acalanes music department receives one-third of the money. The three outstanding winners were Cathy Cogan and Bonnie Buettner in Girls Ensemble, who sold 280 and 260 boxes of candy, respectively, and George Higgins, in Band, who sold 150 boxes. Cathy received for her hard work \$50 worth of merchandise at I Magnin's in Oakland. A beautiful AM and FM radio worth \$40 was awarded to Bonnie, and George won a dinner for two at Ernie's in San Francisco and two tickets to "My Fair Lady."

The instrumental class winners were Ann Calister (orchestra) 145 boxes, Mike Emory (band) 120, and Loren Martino (intermediate band) 75. Each of these students received a special two-pound Thanksgiving box of candy.

The orchestra had the highest class individual average, with each student averaging \$35.

STAFF TO PUBLISH TOP LITERARY MAG

This year the Journalism I and II classes are making plans to reactivate the traditional Acalanes Literary Magazine, but with a format changed significantly from those of the past.

Short stories on any subject, poetry (traditional as well as free verse), and dramatic script of limited length may be submitted to English teachers or to Editor-in-Chief John Merrill and Associate Editor Laura Tow. Students are urged to submit material to their own English teachers in cases where extra credit is offered for such work. Deadline for submission of all work will be Friday, January 22, but entries submitted prior to this date will be greatly appreciated by the staff.

JR. PROM SATURDAY

This year's Junior Class will proudly present their Junior Prom tomorrow night in the old gym from 8:30 to 11:30. The theme which they have chosen is "Wonderland by Night".

Many special preparations have been made by their social secretary, Janie Stone. The committee heads were as follows: Betty Colwell, decorations; Jean Beyer, refreshments; Tom Fitzsimmons, tickets; Terry Knox, bids, and Nancy Whitting, publicity.

Janie stated that the Juniors have basically followed the traditional winter theme as far as decorations are concerned. They intend to have one large evergreen tree, from which the bids will be hanging, in the center of the room. There will also be a few small evergreen trees scattered throughout the gym plus more spectacular decorations which will adorn the old gym. It was impossible to tell whether Janie was serious or not, but she said there will be snow flakes falling from the ceiling? Oh, well, if you're curious about this come to the terrific Junior Prom and see for yourself? "The Night Caps" will supply the entertainment for the evening. So, don't forget the famous cliché which has been going around the school: "We'll meet you at the J.P. in the O.G."

Ski Club Organized; Officers Installed

The Ski Club is sponsored by the Parents' Club this year.

At its first meeting all the officers and representatives were elected, and dates for the proposed ski trips stated. The officers are, president, Lee Landes; vice-president, Steve Daniels; secretary, Linda Westphal; and treasurer, Marilee Wade. The representatives are, seniors, Jackie Ferroggiaro and Don Querio; juniors, Kacy Cook and Ron Silveira; sophomores, Amy Purrington and Fred David; and freshmen, Robin Dana and Jim Holmes.

The first ski trip is scheduled for January 28, 29 and 30 at Donner Ski Ranch. A \$3.50 deposit from each person wishing to go on the trip must be turned in by Jan. 8.

The yearly dues will be two dollars. This fee will pay for half the ski lessons, and half the chaperone's expenses. Dues should be paid to the class representatives or one of the officers before Dec. 18.



In a recent rehearsal for the annual Christmas program, Beki Chamberlain (standing) and Mary Hoole (seated) portray characters from the story "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

MUSIC, DANCE GIVE YULE GIFT

It's once again the day of the fabulous and beautiful Christmas Program, presented each year at Acalanes. The program is the end product of a coalition of four groups: The Modern Dance group, directed by Miss Hamburger, the vocal chorus, directed by Mr. Hansen, the instrumental group, directed by Mr. D'Amante, and the invisible Stage Crew, under the direction of Mr. Reeves.

One of the main attractions of this annual program is the Modern Dance group. This year the dancers will perform the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. As the tale goes, the Pied Piper (Beki Chamberlain), ventures to the mayor of Hamelin with the prospect of borrowing some money, but is turned down. In revenge he gathers all the children of Hamelin about him and hurries them off to the hills. After many struggles on both sides between the Pied Piper and 100 of the townsfolk, the children are finally returned to their homes.

Rating as high as the Dance group in beauty and precision are the various vocal choirs under the direction of Mr. Richard Hansen. A Cappella composed of the most experienced of singers, will be singing **Three Kings** and **O Magnum Mysterium**. The Concert Choir, made up of A Cappella and Mixed Chorus, will be singing **Rejoice and Sing**, and **I Wonder as I Wander**, with Barbara Chamberlain soloing in the latter. Girls Ensemble will be singing **Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head**, with Sally Hunter as soloist, **Birds and the Babe**, and **Glory Be to God**. Girls and Boys Chorus, as is the custom, will sing in the finale only, which is **Hallelujah Chorus**.

The band, directed by Mr. Elvo D'Amante, will be playing for the enjoyment of the audience **Continental Christmas**, **Three Songs for Christmas**, **German Christmas Festival**, **Cantique de Noel**, and the finale, **Hallelujah Chorus**.

Also under the direction of Mr. Elvo D'Amante is the Baroque Orchestra. This year they will be playing a number of carols, such as **White Shepherds Watched**, **Winter-Rose**, **I Saw Three Ships**, **The Country Carol**, **Silent Night**, **Shepherds In The Field Abiding**. The finale will be composed of selections from **The Messiah**: **Lord, Lift Up Your Heads**, **O Ye Gates**, and **Hallelujah**.



SENIOR PROFILE

One of Nancy Buettner's main ~~enjoyments~~ is having fun and she sure goes about it in a big way! Nancy is always smiling, probably because she's so active. Ski Club and Acalhonors keep her busy at school and she fills up the rest of her time on the phone, watching TV, doing homework and "going out with the girls." Brown-haired Nancy is attracted to fun-loving boys with great personalities and senses of humor. She enjoys dates that include doing something unusual along with having a terrific time.

This enthusiastic senior has been most recently noted for her outstanding participation in producing this year's Senior Play. Besides working as assistant director to Mr. Trulsson, she made posters, sold tickets, helped arrange for ushers, got the props, wrote newspaper stories and kept everyone informed of rehearsals. Nancy was probably the most active senior girl working for the Senior Play and greatly helped to make it the success that it was. This is just one example of the way Nancy puts everything into whatever she does.

Nancy applies some of this vigor to disliking the lack of school spirit, boys who keep girls waiting, P.E., diets, and snobs. She really enjoys the kids at Acalanes, pizza, American Government, San Francisco and Atherton. Nancy's plans for the future include going to either Chico State or Merritt College. She adds, "I would like to go to college for two or three years and then continue my education at a nursing school."

Nancy Buettner, because of her enthusiasm and spirit, is a great asset to the Senior Class.

Few students in this school can express an unbiased and realistic account of what Acalanes means to them. Because of a lack of adequate comparison they tend to digest their environment with little interest. Don Ormsbee is an exception. Since he transferred here from Guam last year, he has made some perceptive observations. The school he previously attended was, in his words, "academically inferior." He didn't have any homework, and had relatively easy classes. Don, surprisingly enough to the average Acalanes student, cited this as a shortcoming, although there were certain advantages. He was able to spend his afternoon playing pool without such nagging trivialities as homework to worry about. He was also able to devote more time towards his hobby, tape recording.

Don points out that Acalanes affords the student more opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities than the schools he previously attended. It is fortunate that someone at Acalanes holds this positive point of view toward work. Don has quickly become involved in school functions. It is seldom that a new student is elected to any prominent position in a school organization. Don is treasurer of Rally and also vice-president of Spanish Honorary. Thus we see that Don is again an exception to the rule and a benefit to the school.

The Senior Class this year is indebted to Don for his excellent work in the production of the Senior Play. As stage manager he acted in many capacities, from gathering props to giving actors their cues.

His past is recorded and for the most part is quite bright. Undoubtedly his future will be the same. He hopes to go to Cal at Santa Barbara. His second choice is the University of Washington.

THIS IS ACALANES

By BECKY HART

"Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way." That's just a little excerpt from a well known song called "Jingle Bells" (appropriate title). Yes it's Christmas time again. Everyone has gotten into the Christmas spirit and the students have waited patiently for their two weeks vacation. Some students, in their spare time, have sung Christmas carols in the halls. It seems that once in a while the Christmas carols have been replaced by "The Little Man With the Toys" (originally sung by the Beach Boys).

The Senior Play, after two weeks of practice, was finally performed. It seems that in the first night's performance Brian Embom got rid of his anxieties when he gave Woody Underhill a hard kick in the second act. Woody got revenge the second night, however, and even got a clap from the audience.

Oh, by the way. I just happened to be driving in Lafayette at 3:00 in the morning on a Wednesday and I saw Liz Pilling, Hope Julius, Cindy Copp, Jackie Ferrigaro, Sue McMeans, Barbie Hornjeff, Kathy Peck, and Pam Stensgaard wading in the fountain in their pajamas! I was wondering if they could explain.

The District Music Festival was performed at Los Lomas December 4. A Cappella almost lost Leslie Grant when she fell through a crack in the bleachers. She was saved just in time.

If you ever want to phone the school (for one reason or another) make sure it's when Linda Vernazza's not working the switchboard. It seems that she was supposed to deliver a message to one of the boys' P.E. teachers and got the message mixed up . . . ?

I guess that every one has noticed the boys' styles lately, especially the green, orange, and purple pants. They add a bit of color and life to the surroundings of the school. I was wondering though, Bernard, where you bought your purple pants.

Hope Julius has formed a new club and elected herself as President. Its open to everyone who has ever slept on a roller?

If you were wondering what had happened when the crowd formed in the cafeteria the other day it was just Linda Davis and Lanny Howland. They were fighting . . . unfortunately it was with food.

Girls P.E. is always an exciting place to be. It is there that all the girls seem to release their frustrations. Kathy Hamlin, Ellen Clark, Cindy Copp and Leslie Grant have become true followers of the Leader . . . During 7th period Gloria Nordstrom, Diana Anderson and Claire Brennan always insist on locking Sandy Sherman in the P.E. office closet . . . Mrs. Davies celebrated her unhappy birthday December 4. Everyone else celebrated too; with chocolate cake and punch . . . If you wonder why Jackie Ferrigaro's hair is sometimes a bit gray when she leave P.E. . . well, have you ever heard about powder fights . . . Oh yes, and if you were wondering about Judy Guilkey wearing her coat all day it was because Ellen Clark and Dody Dorensife hid her clothes.

Basketball season has started and everyone is looking forward to a winning year. Acalanes' first game was a win. Lin Stripling played an excellent game. The only trouble is he only plays during half time. The game against Pleasant Hill was exciting. Everyone noticed the tremendous spirit all the boys had. Andy Picard got so excited that he started leading his own yells.

Snow season is here and kids have started to head for the slopes each weekend. You can always tell who has gone up. They're the ones with bruises. Just ask Maureen Boyle.

I hope everybody enjoys his vacation and Merry Christmas.

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ALUMNI

Marilyn Briggs, '64, has been chosen by audition as a member of the Treble Clef Society at the University of California at Berkeley. She is now a freshman at Cal, majoring in dietetics.

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Jack Parella, '61, a speech major and captain of the debating team at U.C. in Berkeley, recently won the Robert Gordon Sproul public speaking contest. He rated higher than 15 other contestants on the basis of his talk, "African Road." Jack's name will now be permanently entered on a plaque in Sproul Hall, on the University campus.

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Marsha June Bratten, '62, received the University of California Alumni Association's 1964 "Ida W. Sproul Award" during University Meeting ceremonies on September 28. She was awarded a \$150 cash prize and a citation. This award is presented annually to the woman student who "contributes most to student leadership and extra-curricular activities during her junior year, while maintaining an outstanding academic record." Marsha, a geography major, has maintained a 3.92 grade point average at Cal, while at the same time participating in the Associated Students' Speakers Committee, Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Discrimination, and High School Model United Nations, among many other activities.

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Have YOU any news about Acalanes alumni you would like to share with others? Drop the Blueprint editors a note (via Mr. Maves' box in the main office) or tell any journalism student, and we will gladly print it in the next issue.

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Feature Teacher

Mr. Trulsson has been teaching here at Acalanes for 14 years. He worked for his bachelor degree at the University of the Pacific, where he majored in speech. Then, during World War II, he joined the Army Air Corps where he worked in combat intelligence in the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy. He went back to school in 1945 and earned his general secondary credential to teach three years later. Mr. Trulsson first taught in a small school of 250 students in San Andreas, after that, in 1951, going back to school once again to earn his master's degree. After a year of teaching at Stockton High School, Mr. Trulsson came to Acalanes, where his 14-year stay proves that he enjoys teaching here. He likes the caliber of students who "have a lot to offer." He explains that it's easier to teach the students here because of their intellectual capacity. Jeff Hunter, one of Mr. Trulsson's former speech students, was helped by him to win four American Legion Oratorical speech contests, including the state championship.

From 1951-59, Mr. Trulsson directed the senior play, but in 1960 he "retired" from drama, and Mr. Reeves took over. This year once again Mr. Trulsson organized and directed the senior play, "The Importance of Being Earnest". He began getting ready at the end of September and auditions started the first of October. Beginning on the sixth of October, rehearsals were held every day after school, and dress rehearsals were held every night of the last week. Mr. Trulsson worked hard and helped greatly in making the senior play a success.

Mr. Trulsson's chief interest is speech and speech programs. He is disappointed that there were not enough people who signed up for an advanced public speaking class to warrant its introduction because this class would be a profitable follow-up to public speaking. It would entail discussion and debate and would teach students how to organize their thoughts clearly. It would also stimulate logical reasoning. Mr. Trulsson is hoping more enthusiasm will be shown towards this type of a class so that we will be able to have one next year.

New Activity Room

In the latter part of last year the teacher's mimeographing room was restricted to the faculty only. This drastic measure took place because the teachers complained that the students fouled up the machine settings and were constantly underfoot.

For this reason, last year's seniors appropriated funds for building an activity room supplied with a mimeo machine and a paper cutter for the student's personal use.

Construction of this room has been at a standstill for some time due to lack of volunteers and Mr. Stevens' trip to West Point.

Although the seniors of last year appropriated nearly \$350, only about \$200 will be necessary to construct the room since all building and electrical wiring will be done by the students and Mr. Stevens. Mr. Stevens intends to put a speaker in the room with the help of Jim Fletcher who is quite handy in the electrical field.

The location of this room will be in the old lunchroom where the janitors presently store their brooms and mops. This room was designed earlier when the school was built to be a student activity room so that the moving of the janitorial equipment will be no problem.

HO HO HO!

What do you think of Santa Claus?

Laurie Gardner — I think he's a cute little old man.

Mr. Whyte — Fine American tradition! I'm looking forward to his arrival. I've already hung out my sock.

Elise Lininger — He's a communist! Consider that red suit!

Lynne Wiggins — I always believe in him around Christmas.

Aletha Biedermann — I think the tradition is nice, but he's been too commercialized.

Aleda Luna — I hope he never dies.

Holly Meyers — I love him!

Mr. D'Amante — He's great!

Mike Pitts — I really like him. He's a good head.

Susan Tokola — I think he's a wonderful, jolly old person, and I like him as a spirit of Christmas. Tell him Merry Christmas!

Melody Ferreira — I wonder how he is in so many places at one time.

Happy Channukah

While most students at Acalanes are looking forward to the Christmas holiday, quite a few students are celebrating a different holiday. As you probably know, there are a number of Jewish people in school, and instead of celebrating Christmas, they celebrate Channukah.

Channukah is a joyous holiday which is celebrated because of a miracle. In 200 or 300 B.C. Palestine was invaded by the Greeks. They set out to destroy all the synagogues and the Temple. They killed anyone who got in their way or who protested against their actions. Judas Maccabeus was the Jewish leader who fought bravely "for God and His Holy Law" along with many brave followers. When the enemy had finally been defeated, the Temple was cleaned and purified by the Jews. However, when they wished to light the eternal lamps, all they could find was a tiny flask of holy oil. They lit the lamps with this and instead of burning for only one day, as expected, it miraculously burned until a new holy oil could be prepared — for eight days.

Channukah lasts for eight days signifying the eight days of the miracle. Channukah, like Christmas, has many customs. Each night a candle is lit and set in a holder with places for nine candles — one to be lighted for the first night, two for the second night, and so on. The ninth candle is used every night to light each of the other candles.

Another custom is the dreidle game which is played with a little four sided top called a dreidle. On each side there are four Hebrew letters that stand for the words "A great miracle happened here."

On each of the eight days a gift is given to each of the members of the family. One of the traditional gifts is "Channukah Gelt" or money. Now the money is usually chocolate, shaped like money, and wrapped in gold or silver paper.

Channukah is a time of games, songs, and fun. It is enjoyed by Jews everywhere.



Mike and Automotive Editor Merrill inspect engine trouble.

HEAP OF THE MONTH

As one views Mike Yoemans' modified 1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan he is acutely aware of the varied competition possibilities incorporated in this striking machine. It is as equally at home on the Grand Prix courses of Europe as it is on the desert track.

Originally produced in limited edition, this car has been equipped for racing by Mike, with the invaluable assistance of Lin Stripling and Enzo Ferrari. Competition equipment is as complete as it is awesome. Powered by a Hillborn fuel-injected 370 cubic inch V-8 with a compression ratio of 8.8, it produces nearly 315 horsepower at 7000 r.p.m.'s. A positraction rear end is further aided by 900x15 cheater slicks and a front end tread of seven inches. A wheelbase of 84 inches and an overall length of 15 feet adapts it suitably to the tracks at Monaco and Le Mans.

Speed alone, though, is not the whole story, as points out Mike's pit boss, who goes by the name of Scarlotti. The exterior, hand painted by Dave "Carroll Shelby" Paine, is immaculate. The interior, on the other hand, sports activated charcoal seat covers, power windows, and a liquor cabinet for storing milk and Kool-Aid.

Although it has yet to compete in Europe's Winter Tour, the Cosmopolitan is already raising some eyebrows in the racing world. Recently it achieved a speed of 109.13 m.p.h. in the measured mile at the Moonlight Salt Flats of Nevada. Relative successes have also been achieved on our own Mt. Diablo Blvd in compe-

tion with the Brigante Special.

Best wishes are extended to Mike by the Automotive Department for a fruitful season on the track and on the street.

State Legislators Speak at Acalanes

On November 24, Acalanes juniors and seniors attended an assembly at which Senator Miller and Assemblyman Waldie were guest speakers. Each man gave a short description of his position in the California Legislature and then students were allowed to ask questions.

One interesting topic which each of the men mentioned was communication with the Legislature. As both men are expected to vote on many bills, they both expressed an appreciation for helpful letters. However, they both stated that letters should state valid arguments rather than mere opinion, because public opinion does not replace good judgment.

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EDITORIAL PAGE

WAR ON APATHY

By D. QUERIO and B. STOOPS

Part of the education afforded students at Acalanes is that in the field of democracy. Through student government, the entire student body is supposed to get a basic idea of how our democratic system functions. The individuals directly involved in student government gain valuable experience in the capacity of leaders, while the general student body is supposed to become acquainted on a small scale with the duties of a good citizen.

Yet, there is little interest in the function of the student government by the general student body. Every effort is made to gain support from the institution, but to no avail. This is most likely due to the lack of information the average student has about the system of government. It is a generally accepted fact that very little can be accomplished through student government, due to the restrictions placed upon it by the administration. This is a basic fallacy. The reason there is a lack of important activity in the government is the students, whom the body represents, make no effort to confront their representatives with any problems. Thus we see the emergence of a degenerating cycle, which daily adds to the apathy felt by the individual, while further stagnating the student government.

The problem is not a new one, it goes back much farther than our school government. Since governments have existed man, due to a basic distrust, has had to be coaxed into supporting them. The support in this case is the one ingredient our school government needs to progress as

it was designed to. An old solution to the problem of gaining support for a government was to start waving the flag. Patriotism, or rather, the desire to "get on the band wagon" is a strong drive in the human animal. The only drawback in this solution is the lack of a central unifying figure with which the masses can identify. In other words someone has to start waving the flag, and for some reason. Education is also considered the solution of all the woes of democracy. This is either a fallacy or our school is a special case, for the majority comprise a very well educated group of individuals. Yet the students understand little about the function of our student government. The election of our government is for the most part a glorified popularity contest, providing "representation" for the "yes" council. Is this the product of an educated society? Seemingly it is. We the students should take an active part in our government. We should not sit back and allow our student council to discuss ideas presented only by a chosen few sitting on top of the student government at Acalanes. We must take steps forward by publishing any matter, no matter how trivial or backward it may seem. Contrary to public opinion, the government acts for the general student body rather than the few chosen leaders who we burden with its entire operation.

Litter Problem

Take a look around the campus after lunch someday. You will see the lunchroom littered with papers and food all over the tables, floors, and benches. You will see the mall between the



gym covered with the same sort of debris. You will see the lawns of Student Square with everything from gum to used cafeteria trays strewn about and filthy with junk tossed on to them. You will see the cafeteria littered with trays, spoons and forks as well as left-over food and debris of all kinds.

This type of litter has become worse and worse recently. The cafeteria problem has gotten so bad that Mr. Stevens is considering closing it if the situation does not improve.

However, this type of action would not solve the basic problem of complete apathy on the part of the students. A re-evaluation of the problem is necessary.

The campus is amply supplied with garbage cans. It is not hard to make sure that your refuse ends up in one of these receptacles rather than on the grounds of this school.

Acalanes is fortunate in having both a cafeteria and a lunch room for student use. Let's use a little discretion in their use and try to make others do likewise

VOCATIONAL PANEL

This year, as in previous years, the majority of students at Acalanes have failed to make use of one of their most valuable opportunities for exploring vocations that they might wish to follow in later life. This is called a vocational panel and is designed to provide the facts about a profession and its future disadvantages and advantages. It is arranged for all students interested in gaining more information about a profession or field of skilled labor. This information is acquired primarily from a member of a certain profession who was asked to attend by Mr. Wicks, the enthusiastic counselor in charge of these panels.

From the much smaller attendance of lower classmen at recent panels, one is led to believe that freshmen and sophomores think that these discussions are for upperclassmen only. This is not true. Both groups are equally welcome and, surprising as it may seem, the lower classmen are more strongly advised to go. This is because the sooner one has an idea of what profession he wants to go into, the more high school years he has to plan his courses to best prepare him for his choice for a life work.

Another reason for the gener-

ally small attendance might be the lack of knowing what the procedure is for getting into a vocational panel. At least one full day before the panel is to take place one must fill out a Counselor Appointment Request card, checking "vocational" as the reason, and write the title of the panel where it says "other". He then continues filling out the rest of the information needed and drops the card in his counselor's slot. If this procedure is followed, he will get his grey slip sometime before the panel is to take place, thus allowing him to attend. He then has a wonderful opportunity to gain new insights into a field that may very well shape the course of his life.

Now that everyone knows everything he needs to know about vocational panels, there is no reason why the attendance at them shouldn't be greatly improved, is there?

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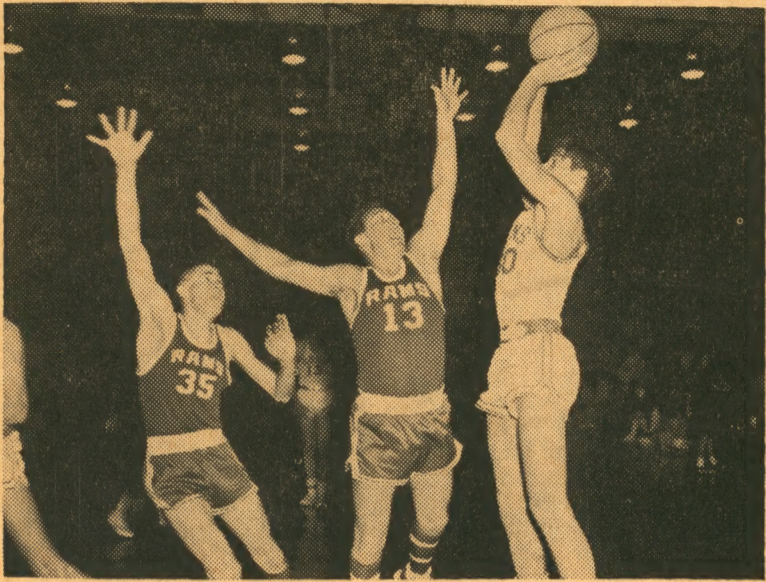
Through the years, football safety equipment has been "greatly improved" from the somewhat primitive head gear and shoulder pads of past years. Although there has been quite a bit of "improvement" in the safety equipment that was used, I'm still in favor of the old equipment. Nowadays equipment consists of a helmet, made of hard plastic, shoulder pads, again made of hard plastic, hip pads, like in olden days made of cloth, and shoes, somewhat like olden days. This hard plastic that makes up two-thirds of the safety equipment used by a man, is a danger to the man in itself.

The helmet, for instance, has webbing inside which keeps the hard plastic away from the player's head. In many cases this webbing breaks and allows the plastic to bang against the head often causing brain damage. In olden days the leather helmet was in complete contact with the player's head making sure that only leather came in contact with his head.

The shoulder pads of today can cause serious damage to the shoulders and ribs. The hard plastic coming in contact with ribs or shoulders with any great force can bruise and often break bones. Also, if a player's jaw comes in contact with these shoulder pads there is a chance of jaw dislocation or often breakage. In the old days around 1938, shoulder pads were made of leather like the helmets. The idea behind them was similar to that of the helmet which was to keep everything away from the shoulders except leather. Bones meeting bones or two solid structures colliding cause one to break, and this theory is counteracted by placing something fairly soft in between.

For these simple reasons I feel that the old safety devices are better than modern day equipment and I suggest we revert back to the olden day equipment.

By ROD RIPLEY



BLOCK A HONORS 4

At the recent Dec. 1 Awards Assembly five students received awards for being Athletes of the Week. They were Mark McDougall, Jim Tucker, Stan Wakeman, Ron Elliot, and Roger Booth, in that order.

The first Athlete of the Week for the 1964-65 school year was awarded to junior Mark McDougall for his fine performance in the varsity football game with College Park on Sept. 25. Mark highlighted the game with a 40-yard run early in the game. He did very well all season long even if one doesn't take into consideration the fact that this is the first year for him on varsity, after playing Freshman and Junior Varsity football in his Freshman and Sophomore years, respectively.

The second athlete was also a junior. This award was presented to Jim Tucker for his great effort in the varsity football game at Piedmont on Oct. 9. Jim, who is good in practically all major sports at Acalanes, played most all of this game, turning in fine plays on both offense and defense.

Next Athlete of the Week went to senior Stan Wakman for his

great performance at guard in the Oct. 16 varsity football game with Las Lomas. Stan's name will probably be heard in connection with varsity wrestling because he is also a great competitor in that sport.

Fourth Athlete of the Week was Ron Elliot, a senior, and best cross country man at this school and probably one of the best ever to come out of Acalanes. He received this award on Oct. 26 for placing first at all five previous cross country meets. He has also shown his exceptional skill in this sport by going to the North Coast meet at Stanford on Nov. 20 and after taking a first there he went on to the finals on Nov. 28.

Fifth and last award for Athlete of the Week was received by freshman Roger Booth for taking a first place in the Del Valle cross country meet. Roger is considered to be one of the most greatly improved runners on the team.

These five students deserve recognition for their efforts that this story or even the Awards Assembly could ever give for they are truly among the better athletes at Acalanes.

MALLEY, NEWELL, SPEYER LOOK IMPRESSIVE IN B.B. DEBUT

Previously unbeaten San Leandro fell before the Acalanes Dons, 53-47, at the Don home opener of the season.

San Leandro had earlier wins over San Lorenzo and Mission but couldn't keep pace with the mighty Dons.

The closeness of the score doesn't represent the true picture of the game. With three minutes of the last quarter remaining the Dons held a 53-35 lead. At this point Coach Cockerton emptied the bench and let them finish off the game.

Good defensive play by San Leandro's Boris Pesa kept our tall center Greg Malley to a low eight points for the night. Good outside shooting by Dale Speyer and Lee Newell made up for this deficit.

Dale was high for the night with six from the field and six of seven charity tosses for a total of 18 points.

Lee also hit in double figures with a total of 15 points from one free throw and seven field goals.

Ken Short showed great accuracy on the free throw line by hitting six out of seven attempts.

Lee and Greg each collected their fourth personal foul in the third period, but neither fouled out.

The Pleasant Hill Rams proved an easy, 67-44, victory for the Acalanes Dons.

This was the second straight win for the Dons and the second straight loss for the Rams.

The Dons had complete control of the entire game. This is shown by its gapping 24-3 first quarter lead and 37-13 half time lead.

After the first quarter, Coach Cockerton allowed the reserves to gain experience while he rested the first string.

Greg Malley, our 6'7" all league center, was the high scoring man of the game with 19 points, most of which were scored during the first quarter. Greg probably could have scored 50 points if he

had played the entire game.

Junior forward Jim Tucker, with five field goals and four free throws, followed Greg with a 14 point total.

Lee Newell was our third Don player to hit into double figures with 10 points from four field goals and two free throws.

The Don team amassed 41 rebounds during the game. This is excellent for any high school team.

ACALANES	24	13	13	17-67
Pleasant Hill	3	10	16	15-44
	FG.	FT.	TP.	
Malley	9	1	19	
Newell	4	2	10	
Seely	1	1	3	
Short	2	2	6	
Speyer	1	2	4	
Stewart	0	1	1	
Tucker	5	4	14	
Walgren	4	0	8	
Windes	1	0	2	
	27	13	67	

ACALANES	16	6	16	15
San Leandro	10	8	15	14
	FG.	FT.	TP.	
Gilmore	1	1	3	
Malley	4	0	8	
Newell	7	1	15	
Short	0	6	6	
Speyer	6	6	18	
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VARSITY WRESTLERS OUTCLASS HAYWARD

Acalanes varsity wrestling team won their first meet with Hayward, here, Friday, December 4, by a score of 25-21. The Don wrestling squad is strong, with many returning lettermen such as Mark Cheney, who has developed well, Dave Lewis, Mike Pitts, another fine wrestler, Dave Toll, Bob Trull, and Stan Wake-man.

The match had apparently been close all the way from the beginning, so when Dave Toll came out onto the mats with the Dons behind 21-20, he knew he would have to really use all his knowledge to give the Dons a victory. Dave shook the hand of his opponent and the match began. With all of his teammates screaming and cheering for him, Dave wrestled his man into a position from which Dave managed to pin him. After the official had announced the winner, Dave was greeted by his team which, by Dave's fine wrestling ability, had won the meet 25-21. Dave obviously was the hero of the day but credit is also due to the rest of the squad because, like any other sport, you need the efforts of the entire team to win.

If Mr. Mattson's wrestlers show

the same performance the rest of the season it might be possible for his team to take the championship again this year. With athletes like Dave Toll, Mark Cheney, and the rest of the lettermen and team they may very well prove this statement true. We hope that these wrestlers will continue to shine as star athletes and we would like to thank Mr. Mattson, varsity wrestling coach, and Mr. Sterni, junior varsity wrestling coach, for training these students. We also want to wish them the best of luck in this season.

A strong Mt. Diablo wrestling team met our Dons at a home wrestling meet Friday, Dec. 11. The out come of the meet was as estimated by both coaches — a victory for the Devils. The score was 28-21 in favor of a very strong Mt. Diablo squad. Since Mt. Diablo isn't in our league and the meet was only a practice meet the wrestlers weren't as discouraged as if it was a league meet. Mark Cheney was one of the few wrestlers who won his individual match, while excellent rounds by Mike Pitts and Mike Pickett resulted in a loss for both.

SOCCER AT ACALANES

Hal Buffa, Diablo Valley College soccer coach, is very pleased with the success of this sport at the junior college level. He feels that, "High schools should give it thought and realize that soccer would be an excellent sport to add during the off-seasons between football and baseball."

Unfortunately for Acalanes, according to Mr. Cockerton, our schedule is too full now to permit the addition of this sport. Our off-season is occupied with basketball and wrestling. Coach Cockerton expressed the opinion that the weather factor would not permit success in a soccer program and that there would not be enough coaches to supervise all the sports if soccer was added.

Soccer is a universal sport which involves very small injury and expense factors. This sport is easy to supervise, coach, and administer and is great for conditioning, according to Coach Buffa. Mr. Cockerton's estimation, however, gives us little probability of installing this sport in our curriculum in the near future.



Acalanes Varsity Basketball team: bottom row (l. to r.) Dale Speyer, Bob Walgren, Dave Stewart, Dale Windes, Steve Sealy; top row (l. to r.) Larry Liles (mgr.), Lee Newell, Jim Tucker, Greg Malley, Bruce Guelden, Ken Short, Phil Gilmour, and Jim Lavick.

RAMS, S.L. SMASH J.V.'s

The Acalanes JV basketball team lost to the Pleasant Hill JV's, 39-37, in a thrilling game.

Although behind at half-time by nine points, the JV Dons held their opponents in the second half, while showing a great "come-from-behind" effort.

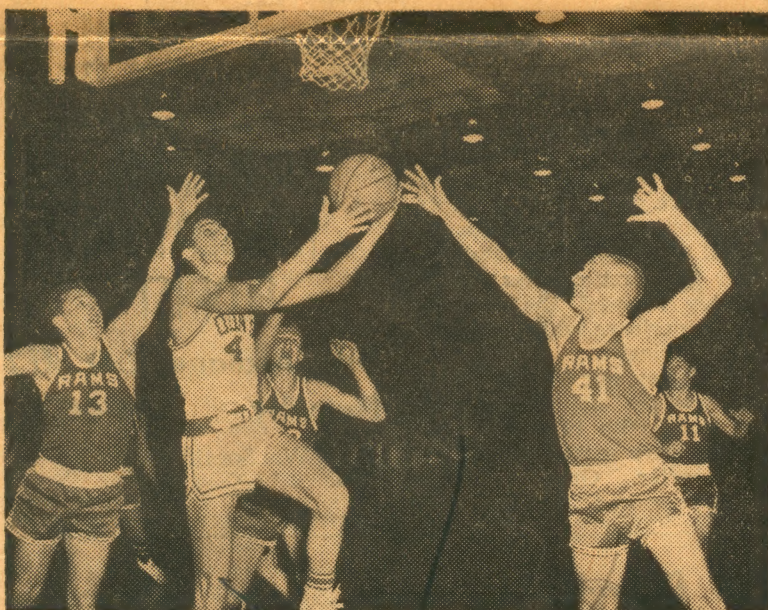
Jeff Borowiak was the high scorer for the Don team with 11 points. He was followed by Doug Johnston and Rick Sullivan with seven points each.

Inexperience and poor ball handling proved the undoing of the Acalanes JV team in their

opening season loss to San Leandro, 42-27.

Good offensive and defensive rebounding were the Junior Dons main factors in holding San Leandro to such a low score.

Jeff Borowiak's 11 points led the Don scoring. He was closely followed by Jim Power with 9 points.



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